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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated October 1, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 60-63 and 66-78. *WF*

REMARKS

Claims 1-78 have been presented for examination. Claims 54-78 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which this reissue application is based. Claims 73 has also been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a duplicate of claim 17. The reissue declaration has been objected to as being defective for not containing a statement that all errors being corrected up to the filing of the declaration arose without any deceptive intention. The preliminary amendment has been objected to as not being in compliance with Section 1.17(c) by explaining the support in the disclosure for the newly added claims. Finally, Figures 2-4 have been objected to because they are not labeled as --Prior Art--. Claims 1-53 are considered allowable.